diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes.

Felling of trees in the Cantonment areas

263. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will be Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army and the I.A.F. have sought permission from his Ministry for felling of selective trees in the Cantonment and other areas under their control due to security reasons; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

264. *[Transferred to 3rd December, 1992]*

HIV cases in Assam

265. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will be Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of HIV has been detected in Assam in the recent months; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken by the Government to prevent the increase of such dreaded disease in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Only one case of HIV infection has been reported in Assam during the last six months. Four cases of HIV infection have been detected in Assam so far.

(b) The Government of India has launched a Centrally sponsored scheme for implementation by the all States/UTs. with World Bank and W.H.O. assistance for the prevention and control of AIDS in the country. The accent is on prevention as AIDS has no cure, as of now. The programme components consist of strengthening management, increasing the level of awareness in community and among individuals, increasing safety of blood and blood products, augmenting STD control Programme and improving clinical management and surveillance.

Honouring of Doctors by Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College

266. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken to honour some Doctors for their services on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of the Nehru Homoeopathy Medical College under Delhi Administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, this decision was not implemented;

(d) whether present and ex-principals of the College were honoured;

(e) if so, when the decision was taken;

(f) whether his attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Hindustan' (Delhi) of 10th September, 1992 wherein doctors have protested against it;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The Organising Committee set up for the purpose of celebration of Silver Jubilee of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi had proposed to felicitate all persons of this Institution who had completed 20 years of service in this College by awarding the Momentos by the Chief Guest at the function. However, the proposal was not approved by the Delhi Administration and no momentos were distributed in the func-

tion held on 1st September, 1992 at FICCI Auditorium.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) A copy of the above report is given as statement [*see* below]

(h) No action is called for in view of the above.

Statement

"Hindustan", September 10, 1992

Matter regarding Conferring Honour Upon the Principals Grows Stormy
(Our office correspondent)

New Delhi, Sept 9. The matter regarding conferring honour on the ex-Principal and present Principal of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College of Delhi Administration for their services rendered to the Institute is begetting adverse atmosphere. On the occasion of Silver Jubilee of the college, it was decided to honour certain doctors but that could not be given a material form.

In the special function celebrated on the Silver Jubilee of the college, the doctors, being attached to the college and having rendered their services for 20 years, were to be honoured. On raising objection to it that function could not be celebrated.

Henceforth, a group of doctors of the same college have requested the Lieutenant Governor to look into the matter as to why and how it was decided to honour the ex-Principal Dr. D.P. Rastogi and the present Principal Dr. P.K. Gupta. In a memo endorsed to Special Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and Director, Vigilance a charge has been brought that an anti-corruption branch of the C.B.I. is probing into the case against Dr. Rastogi and the Government has also decided to take punitive action against Dr. Gupta. Dr. Singh alleged as to how the Deptt. of Health decided to honour these persons, and then why the function was not celebrated all this matter must be looked into.

Raids by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration

267. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether special raids were conducted by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi from 17th October to 28th October, 1992;

(b) if so, the action proposed by the Government to obtain the Photostat copies of the Inspection Orders of Director (PFA);

(c) whether the Director (PFA) has tempered with such orders subsequently; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) As per the information made available by the Delhi Administration, during Diwali Festival, inspection teams were sent to check raw material and prepared food items in various food establishment in Delhi. There is no tempering of inspection orders by the Director (PFA), Delhi.

Delay in selection of Junior Engineer in AIIMS

268. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange in the category of Junior Engineer (Civil) in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, have been awaiting for their interviews/ selections since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that interview dates fixed on 11th and 30th